degree of ſtiffneſs in the joint, as I have very lately had an opportunity of informing myſelf.

During the whole time of the cure, I made uſe of emollient fomentations, dreſſed the wounds ſuperficially, and continued the pultice of ſtrong-beer grounds and oatmeal, which were the only methods taken in ſurgery for his relief.

Hatton-Garden,
Jan. 31, 1755.

LXIII. *Extract of a Letter from Mr.* William Pye, *dated* Manilla, Oct. 1ſt, 1754, *to his Brother in* London. *Communicated to Mr.* Benj. Wilſon, *F. R. S. by the Hon. Mr.* Barrington.

Read Jan. 29, 1756. I Will now give you ſome deſcription of this place. Manilla is one of the largeſt of the Philippine iſlands, and the city is much larger than Oxford, and has two univerſities in it, and is inhabited only by Spaniards. The houſes are large, and built very ſtrong; the ground-floor is ſtone; the walls of a prodigious th ckneſs; all above is wood, and ſo contrived, that every piece of timber has a connection with each other, all over the houſe: they are let into one another, and joined together, that the earthquakes, which are very terrible and frequent, may not throw them down. The convents are likewiſe very ſtrong and handſome. The ſuburbs are very extenſive, and well inhabited.

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In the year 1750 they had an earthquake here, which laſted for three months, with almoſt continual tremblings, which at laſt broke out in an eruption, in a ſmall iſland in the middle of a large lake, all round which, the bottom is unfathomable. The third day after the commencing of the eruption, there aroſe four more ſmall iſlands in the lake, all burning; and about a mile diſtance from one there is a continual fire, which comes out of the water, where there is no ground, for upwards of an hundred fathoms deep. This I ſaw myſelf, and went very near it. I will get a draught of it and ſend it you. This happened but four years ago, and if you were to feel ſome of theſe ſhocks, you would think they were capable of producing any thing, for they are very terrible indeed.

LXIV. *An Eſſay on the Waters of the* Holy Well *at* Malvern, Worceſterſhire. *By* J. Wall, *M. D. Communicated by the Rev.* Charles Lyttleton, *L. L. D. Dean of* Exeter.

Reverend Sir,

Read Feb. 5, 1756. AS you are pleaſed to deſire ſome account of my obſervations on the Malvern-Waters, I have here tranſmitted them. That I did not do this ſooner, you will, I hope, impute to the true cauſe, the multiplicity of my avocations. I would gladly have repeated the experiments,